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PROPAGATION: May 2, Low Normal; May 3, 4, Below Normal; May 5, Disturbed; May 6-9, Low Normal; May 10, 11, Below Normal. TNX N4XX.

Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Date	Flux (83)	Alpha (83)	K (83)
199	143	4/20	126	10	3
194	144	4/21	132	10	3
189	153	4/22	138	18	2
203	173	4/23	139	16	4
222	179	4/24	141	33	4
210	183	4/25	144	22	4
196	176	4/26	145	25	4
196	165	4/27	148	17	3

SPRATLY

Not much new to report this week following the disastrous Spratly attempt reported in Issues 186 and 187. Both Baldur Drobnica, DJ6SI, and Norbert Willand, DF6FK, are back home in Cologne, West Germany. None of the four survivors had much to say to the press, as evident in newspaper accounts of the attack. An English language paper in Hong Kong reported on April 27 that one of the Germans is employed by, shall we say, his government, but TDXB is unable to substantiate that. One question remaining unanswered is whether or not the body of Diethelm Mueller, DJ4EI, was recovered.

Amazingly, talk still continues of future operations from the Spratlys. DULCK claims to be headed there, to one of the Philippine-controlled atolls, as part of a military operation. We are still certain that such a radio operation would count not for Spratly but rather for the Philippines. And now word is circulating that another group of Germans are scheduled for a geological expedition to an island in the area, "with permission." We shall see.

CHINA

BY8AA came back on the air Saturday, April 23, for another of their grueling operating stints. A well-known American amateur, in Beijing recently, visited BY1PK, which is still in the old building. He spoke to operator Tong, but was unable to see any of the logbooks, their being under lock and key. It is now known that when a visitor, such

as JA1BK or VE7BC, operates one of the Chinese stations a Chinese operator logs right along with him, and the entries are compared later for accuracy. If both operators don't get the same information down, the contact is invalid. Finally, recall that Kan, JA1BK, was at BY1PK last November, and was on the way to getting the Chinese psyched up for the CQ Worldwide CW Contest. Problem was, the Chinese didn't understand the CQ multi-single rule, and that was their reason for backing out.

MALPELO

The word we have been passing along for a year or more is still on target...the Radio Club of Colombia will mount a Malpelo operation in October, 1983, under the auspices of the military. They are insisting on an all-Colombian operating team, although that might change. They have put out the word that they want suggestions from the U.S. West Coast and Japan as to optimum times and frequencies for working those areas. They must have seen the 1982 TDXB Countries-Needed Survey results... Malpelo was only #11 worldwide but came in at #4 in California and #2 in Japan.

CONGRATULATIONS

FIRST, to Dr. San Hutson, K5YY, inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame at the Visalia Convention last weekend. San's expeditions over the past decade have produced about 80,000 contacts from a number or rare spots.

NEXT, to Katashi Nose, KH6IJ, who is the 1983 Dayton Hamvention Ham of the Year. Nose's a man of many talents, including university professor, first-rank operator, technical innovator, and he has even found time to write a weekly newspaper column in Honolulu for many years.

FINALLY, to Dr. Ted Cohen, N4XX, who is no stranger to readers of these and other pages. His radio show "Report on Personal Computers" is going on the CBS Radio Stations News Service five times a week, to their eight major markets, beginning May 16, and will be available by syndication to other CBS stations.

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VISALIA: Here's the report on last weekend's International DX Convention, which reportedly had upwards of seven hundred in attendance. Several important items were mentioned on page one...Fred Laun, K3ZO, provided the word on Malpelo (he's stationed in Bogota), and JALBK's remarks on China have been recorded. Jim Smith, VK9NS, made his case regarding Heard Island, as did Alan Fischer, K8CW, of the "other group." N6RJ of Ham Radio Outlet was presented the ARRL plaque for world high score in last year's DX Competition, for his effort from ZF2FL. And SMØAGD showed slides of his most recent Pacific operations. Eric took a flash photo of the audience before the lights went down. "I'll be taking another photo after the slide show," said Eric, "to see who stayed and who sneaked out."

Your editor missed Visalia again this year, having been in Dallas that weekend. We had lunch with, and swapped Publishing Business Horror Stories, with Fred Maia, W5YI, of the W5YI Report, and then with George Sullivan KM5K, publisher of QRZ DX, and Bob Winn, W5KNE, new DX editor of QRZ DX. And we learned the difference between a Yankee and a damn Yankee. A Yankee comes south to visit; a damn Yankee comes to visit and stays!

ARRL's BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING last week was consumed with FCC matters. The Board instructed the General Manager to make a filing in the "no-code license" matter, the filing to voice the League's opposition to such a license in "the strongest possible words." The League will also be requesting exclusive rights to administer the volunteer examination program, utilizing qualified amateurs around the country, and is requesting that those examiners be allowed to charge a modest fee for the service. The fee would be going to the League to help pay the costs of running the program. Finally, the Board has referred to the DX Advisory Committee a proposal to endorse DXCC for all-RTTY. This may have to wait until the ARRL's Communications Department gets their computer online, and that's a ways off.

ALBANIA: Martti Laine, OH2BH (who was at Visalia) says the long-term project to establish amateur radio (again) in Albania "is moving but slow." Two Albanians will be in Finland in early May, for some basic training in amateur radio. The Finns are hoping that the Albanians will accept some gear as a donation to one of their educational institutes. OH5NW and OH2BH will be doing the teaching. In June, a group of Finns will go to Tirana for further indoctrination. Martti says "patience is required since no immediate activity is expected for some time, but it may be coming and it will be on a permanent basis."

TURKEY (from ARRL): "In Turkey, there are several dozen radio amateurs and hundreds of shortwave listeners, who have organized themselves into the IARU-affiliate Turkiya Radyo Amatorleri Cemiyeti...new wireless laws have now been formulated, and amateur radio will again be legal in Turkey, for the first time since the 1920's, in October."

HIDXA HEARD ISLAND

NOTE: Here's a letter from Kirsti Jenkins-Smith, in response to comments of the VK6 DX Chasers Club. Those comments were in TDXB #183. Kirsti refers to points in #183 by number.

Regarding the "rescue operation" by the Anaconda II (the VKØHI/VKØCW ship, referred to later as "Bill Blunt's group"), from 0900 Feb 16 (the day after the severe storm) the aluminum dinghy was used to uplift Dave and Al and their gear to the Anaconda. At 1150 we departed Atlas Cove, enroute to the Spit and Skua Beach. Since nothing had been heard from Bill Blunt's group, in an act of mutual discussion and assistance the Captain of the Cheynes II (Smith's boat) agreed to seek signs of the party. After departing Atlas Cove, the dinghy was swamped and finally lost despite near-retrieval. As there was no sign of Bill Blunt's group the Cheynes II hove to for the night.

At 0900 Feb 17 we returned to Skua Beach, where the camp was sighted but no sign of life. A radio message confirmed that the group was headed for Atlas Cove in Zodiacs. The Anaconda departed Atlas Cove and rendezvoused with the Zodiacs in the Mechanics Bay area. Here the Zodiacs were used to pick up the H.I.D.X.A. mountaineers and gear. The seas were very rough and the whole operation hazardous. I do not think that anyone was concerned about what the "sitters at home" would have to say about the affair - we were just grateful that everyone made it back on board the Cheynes II safe and sound. Rumormongering and spite has no place in a situation where people's lives are at stake!!

Points 1-5 and 7: These are matters relating to the signed contract between the owners of Cheynes II and the H.I.D.X.A. As there are obvious conflicting facts and figures these will be relayed to our solicitors, who may wish to contact VK6XI and inquire how he came by his knowledge.

Point 6: Obviously, rough weather is to be expected in those waters. It would be naive to expect to travel to Heard Island in calm, pleasant seas. However, all decisions regarding the vessel were in the hands of the skipper.

Point 8: Life-saving equipment was below standard? This is news to us! I expect the vessel's owner will want to contact VK6XI on his statement, this being a very serious allegation.

Point 9: It had been arranged with the owner of Cheynes II that he would rendezvous with us, bringing the necessary fuel. The sailing was in part due to the excessive fuel consumption during the last two days prior to departure from Heard Island. It is not clear to me why this point should have been raised at all. It is true that fuel left in the tanks represented around six days steaming.

Point 10: Generators: irrelevant and petty remarks that do not require any comments.

"Thank you for printing the full information as supplied by (VK6XI). It does show to what lengths people will go in order to discredit H.I.D.X.A."

73,

/s/ Kirsti Jenkins-Smith, VK9NL.

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

BV2B 14225 15C 27	HZ1AB 14225 13C 23	UK8GAA 14007 02E 19	3B8CF 7006 03E 25
BY8AA 14050 01C 23	JT1BG 14225 15W 16	UH8DU 14037 03E 23	3D6AK 21030 17C 20
CR2AK 3799 05C 20	JW0A 7002 23E 26	UI8LBB 14049 02W 22	3V8PS 14213 02E 21
CR9WW 14225 16W 27	JX5DW 7003 22E 25	UJ8JCJ 14017 02C 20	4K1A 7001 23E 18
CT2CB 14030 23W 22	KG4DX 14219 01W 22	UJ8BQ 14046 02W 23	4S7NE 14008 23E 19
CX8BBH 7001 01C 20	KG4AH 14026 18E 23	UJ8JAS 7002 00E 24	4U1UN 14008 03E 20
C21RK 14239 12E 23	OA4JR 7014 10E 27	UM8MBA 21027 13E 23	4X4NJ 1826 03E 17
C31ZQ 14200 23E 22	W6EWB/	VP8ANT 1828 03E 16	5H3FN 21022 17C 20
C31UM 7003 01E 25	OD5 21023 14E 17	VR6KB 14026 03C 17	KC7UU/
C53EY 14206 23E 24	OY5NS 7003 23E 17	VR6KY 21345 00E 21	5N2 7005 21E 13
NØZO/	PY1EFM/	VS5HG 14213 14E 17	DJØJV/
DU2 21025 23E 20	PYØT 21335 19E 17	VS5MS 14207 14W 21	5NØ 7002 01E 24
NØZO/	PZ2AC 7003 01E 14	VU2JXO 14019 02E 22	5T5RY 14203 02E 17
DU2 14022 12C 24	PZ1DV 7001 22E 21	VS6DX 14205 14E 27	5T5AP 14207 01W 18
EA6FD 7006 23E 18	P29L 14254 12C 27	VU2BK 7001 23E 23	5Z4DR 7002 23E 16
EA6BH 3793 04C 20	TAlAZ 14013 01E 19	XT2AW 14029 23C 26	5Z4MX 21008 23E 21
EA8TG 21027 15E 17	TR8JD 7001 23E 18	YBØACT 14206 15E 16	5Z4DR 21017 20E 23
EA8ZW 21038 20C 19	TR8JD 21045 23C 20	YB5AES 14024 13C 21	5Z4CQ 7007 00E 25
EA8AGF 7026 23E 21	TR8JD 21295 23E 22	YC1BKQ 7002 11E 24	6W8HL 21330 14E 17
EA9JG 28021 17E 16	TR8JLD 14043 23W 23	YBØADJ 14033 12C 26	6W8DS 14228 22C 20
EA9JE 14066 00C 22	TR8JD 14228 01W 23	YBØAFA 14045 12C 26	6W8EX 28020 14E 21
EA9JG 7002 23E 23	TR8DR 21009 20E 23	YI1BGD 14204 18E 24	7P8CL 7005 04C 20
EA9JG 7002 00E 24	TR8JD 7002 02E 24	YN1BO 7001 11E 18	7X4AN 7002 21E 13
EL2BN 14217 00E 20	TR8JD 14045 23C 26	ZB2EO 7003 23E 18	7X4AN 7003 00E 19
EL2P 14038 02E 21	TU4AT 21289 14E 17	ZD7WT 7005 23E 17	7X4AN 7006 00E 21
FB8WI 14017 13C 18	TU2JU 14204 01E 22	ZD7WT 21044 20C 17	9H1E 14030 22E 22
FB8WI 14020 13C 19	TZ6FIC 21330 15E 17	ZD7WT 28038 18C 17	9H1DV 14231 23C 26
FB8WI 14019 13C 20	T3ØAT 21022 19C 19	ZD7WT 28025 17C 20	9J2LL 21050 19C 17
FB8ZQ 14031 13C 21	T32AF 14007 02E 20	ZD7WT 28027 14E 21	9M2BB 14225 16W 23
FB8ZQ 14213 12E 24	T7ØA 14216 23E 20	ZD7WT 28031 14C 23	9N1MM 14235 01W 23
FB8ZQ 7007 00E 25	UA9NN 7005 01E 17	ZD9BV 21265 18E 17	
FB8ZQ 7005 02E 26	UA9MEA 7003 01E 26	ZL2BT 1812 07C 20	Mail reports to
FG7AM 1823 04E 16	UO5OWN 7006 03E 19	ZL4PO/C 3798 06C 20	reach Vernon by
FG7CK 28016 17E 16	UD6DFF 7001 02E 17	ZS4PB 3790 04C 20	Wednesday, or phone:
FK8CL 7004 07C 20	UF6FHM 7002 02E 19	Z21FN 14029 15W 19	
FK8DJ 14206 15E 24	UF6FEG 7024 03E 20	3A2EE 3798 04C 22	203-871-7699.
FY7CH 7006 01E 14	UG6GBD 7009 02E 21	3B8FG 14234 04E 17	
HKØBKX 14032 13C 17	UL7CT 14015 02E 19	3B8DB 14218 11E 19	Best contributor of
HL1AQ 14006 12E 19	UL7FCG 14021 01E 21	3B8CF 14047 03W 23	information each
HL4XM 14044 13E 19	UL7NW 14217 02W 23	3B8CF 14023 13C 23	month wins a <u>free</u>
			year of <u>TDXB</u> .

BRIEF NOTES

TDXB Countries-Needed Survey Sheets...not this issue, but soon.

Larry Walker, N3CQM, will operate FGØHUL/FS Fr St. Martin May 24-Jun 3, 80-10; QSL N3CQM.

OH2BH will activate Aland Is OH2BH/OHØ May 7 2000Z to May 8 2000Z, non-stop, all bands, usual frequencies both CW and SSB.

YU2DX, fresh from 9N1MM operation, now going to China, has the usual hopes of operating BY1PK. W9GW also visiting China this Month, then KC6YA Belau on way home.

TT8AD says he's a 22-year-old Swiss, got his TT8 license in February, the first one to be issued after the war with Libya. Using an FT-1 and TH3, QSL to Othmar Wigger, BP 815, N'Djamena.

NØZO/DU2 leaving in August for Liberia. He was very active during the search for the Spratly team.

3L1AMO now sending notes with QSLs that he's lodged his third request for a permit to land/operate from Kermadec. Will go in Dec if OK.

KC7UU (in Liberia) looking at possibilities of operating in Sierra Leone and 5U7. W9ZR rumored may join him in the near future for heavy CW work.

QSL special station T7ØA to Box 1, Rep of San Marino.

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CALENDAR

CONTRIBUTORS

CHINA BY8AA on Apr 23; BY1PK not active
 Macao CR9T by WA4IKZ May 2-8; I 181
 Trindade PY1EFM/PYØT active mostly 15 SSB
 Rodriguez 3B9DA still active, 20 SSB until June
 Eq Guinea F6BBJ back at TR8JD; no 3C1 yet

Crozet FB8WI still very active 20 CW, 1300Z
 Chatham ZL4PO active but elusive, SSB only (?)
 Fr St Martin FGØHUL/FS by N3CQM May 23-Jun 3; I 188
 Contest CQ WPX CW May 28, 29
 W6AM Rhombic Farm Visitor's Day Jun 12; I 182

Malpelo October; I 188

20 METERS U.S. PHONE BAND EXPANSION MAY 22

W5YI, K1XA, KM5K, W5KNE, K4BAI,
 WØJRN, W4VQ, OH2BH, N6RJ, K6HHD,
 JH1FDP, N3CQM, WL7K, WIWY,
 VK9NL, VK9NS, W4PC, K2FL, K1DW,
 KA1BU, N2OO, K8MPF, K8CFU,
 K8EM, WB2CHO, W9DRL, K4CEF,
 KB8KW, KA3R, KA4YAE, WØBW, XE1NI,
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